

*Make no little plans; they have no magic  
to stir men's blood, and probably themselves  
will not be realized. Make big plans; aim  
high in hope and work.*

DANIEL E. BURNHAM.

# LIBRARY NEWS

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The fiscal year of the Mississippi Library Association begins at the close of the annual meeting. If you have not paid your dues for the year beginning November, 1944 send \$1.00 personal dues and \$2.50 institutional dues to Miss Lucile Miller, West Point. It is necessary that we have 50 paid members to the MLA who are also members of the ALA in order to keep our representative on the ALA Council.

The fiscal year of the American Library Association begins January 1st. Send dues directly to ALA on the following salary scale:

Salary	Dues
\$1200 and under .....	\$2.00 annually
1201-1500 ..	3.00 annually
1501-2100 ..	4.00 annually
2101-3000 ..	5.00 annually
3001-4000 ..	6.00 annually
4001-5000 ..	8.00 annually
5001-over ..	10.00 annually

## **A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**From**

**MRS. EUNICE ELEY, Secretary, State Library Commission**

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### **Use the Library News**

This is your library news agency. The Library News, published in January, April, July and October by the State Library Commission is the medium for recording library activities in the state. Send us an account of your library service. Without being asked send in your bright ideas, short cuts, notice of increased appropriations, unusual service or whatever you are doing of interest. This is good publicity and is important state news.

### **Use the Library Commission Book Service**

The small library need never say, "We don't have it," and let it go at that. Say, "We'll write to the Library Commission for it." The Commission book collection is bought with the idea of supplementing and extending the service of the small library. The occasionally-wanted, the unusual, or the too-expensive-for-you-to-buy book may be here waiting your request. The person not in reach of a local library may get service by writing directly to the Commission. Let your clubs, schools, and individual readers know of this service provided by an appropriation from the state legislature.

### **Library Buildings**

If you are planning a new or remodeled library building in the post war period you are urged to send an account of your plans and needs to the State Library Commission. This information has been requested by the Federal Relations Committee of the American Library Association and is important in presenting library building needs to the Federal Works Agency. It may result in loans and other assistance. You may send rough estimates of needs and costs.

### **Thanks**

For answering the questionnaire on "Books". The response has been good and the suggestions most helpful.

## **MESSAGE FROM MRS. ROBERT C. PITARD, JACKSON**

**President, Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs  
New Member of Mississippi Library Commission**

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Greetings to Mississippi librarians and all those who are carrying on the splendid library work in the state. The Federated Women's Clubs of Mississippi heartily endorse the educational values of libraries and have been largely instrumental in the establishment of public libraries in the various towns and counties.

The Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs looks forward to an enlarged program to be extended throughout the state to all not now within reach of a public library. We pledge our cooperation in the development of Mississippi libraries.

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## **MEETING OF MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**OCTOBER 19-20, 1944**

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The annual meeting of the Mississippi Library Association was held in Jackson, October 19-20, with Headquarters at the Heidelberg Hotel. The theme of the meeting was "The library and the community" and the proposed program was presented to all interested persons through the excellent functioning of the Publicity Committee, the co-operation of the newspapers, the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, and the State Library Commission. The large attendance evidenced an awareness of the work of the Association and an interest in library development in the state.

At eight o'clock, the evening of October 19th, a joint meeting of all committees was held in the Green Room. General promotional plans for library development in Mississippi were discussed. Each committee gave a brief summary of its work and plans.

Two general sessions were held in the Silver Room, October 20th. The president, Miss Eleanor Harkins, presided at the opening meeting. Greetings to the assembly and a brief resume of activities prefaced the program. The feature of the morning program was an informal address by Dr. W. Stanley Hoole, Director of Libraries, University of Alabama. Dr. Hoole was introduced by Mrs. Gertrude Rowzee, Librarian of Hinds Junior College and Vice-president of the Association. His address was developed around three ideas: (1) The function of the Public Library—that is, who uses it and why?; (2) How do Mississippi libraries compare in number, population served, appropriations for books and salaries, etc., based on national standards?; and, (3) How can Mississippi's library service be improved?

Under the third idea, Dr. Hoole indicated several ways in which

Mississippi library service could be improved. (1) That librarians need to give more thought to life in the community, to look outside their library walls; (2) To formulate plans for improving service—that is, to develop a philosophy by building on our present opportunities and responsibilities; (3) To examine ourselves to see whether the library is worth what it costs; (4) To improve the training of librarians by revising out-of-date library school methods and techniques; (5) To attract more and better people into the profession; and (6) To coordinate our efforts with those of other social agencies in an attempt to play a more significant role in our democratic society. The final challenge to librarians was to make the place of the library in the community of vital importance, changing the library from a sanctioned institution to a basic institution.

The business of the Association was transacted at the second portion of the morning meeting. Reports were heard from all officers, all standing committees and the two special committees. Two resolutions were passed, one endorsing the work of the Commission under the very capable direction of Miss Pearl Sneed; and the other favoring the Association's sponsoring activities in behalf of State Aid for Mississippi libraries and increased appropriation for the Commission.

Two important motions were carried regarding a change in the MLA constitution and by-laws. One was relative to changing the term of electing officers to two years. The other concerned the voting requirements for a change in the constitution. These proposed amendments will be voted on at the next annual meeting of the Association.

The same officers were re-elected for another year. The standing committees were re-appointed. Th suggestion was made that future committees function one year with each in-coming president. This would insure the new president an organized group and help her to continue the plans of the Association.

Mrs. Thomas L. Bailey presided at the afternoon general session which was devoted to a panel discussion of the theme "The library and the community." The following panel members were presented to the assembly. Miss Pearl Sneed, Librarian of the Jackson Public Library, leader of the discussion; Dr. Tullye Borden Lindsey, Department of Adult Education, State College; Miss Emma Lindsay, Home Demonstration Extension Service, Jackson; Mrs. D. R. Jenkins, President, Mississippi Congress of Parents and Teachers; Mr. Kirby Walker, Superintendent of City Schools, Jackson; and Dr. Stanley Hoole, representing the library group. The lively discussion was most stimulating.

Following adjournment, the Association was entertained at a tea by Mrs. Bailey at the Executive Mansion.

ELEANOR HARKINS, President  
Mississippi Library Association

## **MEETING OF LIBRARY SECTION, MISSISSIPPI EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

**SARA HUNT BASKERVILLE, Field Librarian**  
**Jackson Elementary Schools, Chairman**

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The library section of the Mississippi Education Association will meet in the Green Memorial Library of the Central High School, Jackson at 10:00 o'clock A. M., March 23, 1945. An interesting program is being planned around the theme: Book Selection in High School. All school librarians are urged to be present.

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## **FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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The University of Chicago is offering fellowships and scholarships for the 1945-46 academic year. Three fellowships of \$1,000 each are offered for advanced study leading to the M.A. and PH.D. degrees. Two full-tuition (\$300) and two half-tuition (\$150) scholarships are offered for professional study leading to the Bachelor of Library Science degree.

Applicants for fellowships and scholarships should write to the Graduate Library School, The University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois. Fellowship applications must be in the hands of the Dean of the Graduate Library School by March 10, 1945, and scholarship applications by June 1, 1945.

(Mississippians wishing to take advantage of this offer are advised to communicate with the above as soon as possible.)

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## **AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING**

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The American Library Association Council has planned a meeting of state library leaders to be held in Chicago January 19-20 for the purpose of launching a campaign to raise funds for the following objectives:

1. To maintain a representative of library interests in Washington under the direction of the American Library Association.

An immediate service of this representative will be to make proper connections with the Surplus Property Administration and with Congress so that books and equipment now in camp libraries may be made available to school, college and public libraries when the camps are demobilized.

Another purpose of the representative will be to promote federal relations benefitting libraries, including federal aid as of major importance.

2. To enable the American Library Association to carry on a national public relations program supporting the above objectives.

After consultation with the President of the Mississippi Library Association and with members of the State Library Commission it has been decided that our state should take part in this important conference. The Secretary of the Library Commission will represent the state at the meeting and if, after ALA plans are made we decide to take part in the campaign special notice will be sent to each librarian and trustee in the state.

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### STATE NEWS

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#### Appointments:

Miss Pearl Sneed as head librarian of the Jackson Public Library, formerly Secretary of the State Library Commission.

Miss Bethany Swearingen as Assistant and Reference Librarian at the Jackson Public Library, formerly Hinds County Librarian.

Mrs. Ada Paige Corban as cataloger, Jackson Public Library, formerly associated with the state WPA Library Program.

Miss Annie Bess Roberts as librarian at the Meridian Air Base, formerly librarian of Clarksdale High School.

Mrs. Lucile Ehlers Kinnard has returned to the Central High School library, Jackson.

Miss De Lacy McMurry as Hinds County Librarian. Miss McMurry is a graduate of Millsaps College and of Louisiana State University Library School. She has had several years' experience as librarian at the Byram High School, Hinds County, and at the Kentwood Louisiana High School.

# SENIOR COLLEGE LIBRARY STATISTICS 1943-1944

College	Location	Librarian	SPENT						Volumes	Enrollment
			Books	Periodicals	Binding	Student Assistance	Other	Total		
Belhaven	Jackson	Mary A. Anderson	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 675.80	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,225.80	16,869	333
Blue Mountain	Blue Mountain	Lucy Lamb	1,213.53	602.36	184.14	900.00	180.27	3,080.30	15,800	153
Delta State	Cleveland	Myra O'Brien	945.00	250.00	209.39	960.00	144.46	2,708.85	23,372	788
Mississippi	Jackson	Shirley Chichester	1,061.14	596.40	146.75	1,260.00	355.72	3,420.01	28,108	524
Miss. State	Clinton	(Mrs) R. D. Quisenberry	2,568.89	2,872.24	1,346.45	1,003.94	186.31	7,977.83	74,025	526
M. S. C. W.	Starkville	Nannie H. Rice	3,489.80	1,473.54	248.49	787.95	487.03	6,484.81	62,727	921
Miss. Southern	Columbus	Beulah Culbertson	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
University	Hattiesburg	Anna Roberts	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Oxford	Whitman Davis	\$8,666.23	\$6,779.77	\$1,945.39	\$2,250.00	\$1,298.38	\$20,914.77	101,464	1,138
					NO REPORT					

# JUNIOR COLLEGE LIBRARY STATISTICS—1943-44

College	Location	Librarian	SPENT					Volumes	Enrollment
			Books	Periodicals	Binding	Student Assistance	Other	Total	
All Saints	Vicksburg								
Clarke Memorial	Newton								
Copiah-Lincoln	Wesson	Mrs. Evelyn Oswalt	800.00		(ALL EXPENSES)				7,235
East Central	Decatur	Ethel Burton	418.67	104.20	75.75	54.00	13.49	665.11	5,207
East Mississippi	Scobea	Sue Bear Jones	361.67	111.85	38.39	56.50	39.25	607.66	4,228
Gulfport	Gulfport	Dorothy Mildner	351.72	175.97	45.19		16.80	590.28	5,806
Harrison-Stone-Jackson	Perkinston	Mrs. Anna E. Newman	1,000.00		(ALL EXPENSES)				180
Hinds	Raymond	Gertrude Rowzee	667.20	192.64	59.97		4.44	924.25	6,829
Holmes	Goodman		227.47	127.00	79.00	279.00	15.00	712.47	5,565
Jones County	Ellisville	Mattie M. Viverette	549.65	175.25		236.25	76.64	1,247.79	5,390
Municipal Jr.	Meridian	Ada Holladay	1,382.03	435.72	232.11	175.00	114.26	2,340.12	12,521
Northwest	Senatobia								139
Pearl River	Poplarville	Margaret A. Snowden	321.08	149.20	38.48	255.30	48.06	816.12	4,820
Sunflower	Moorhead	Mrs. Ella Chambley	737.61			288.00	6.50	1,032.11	5,938
Wood	Mathiston	Mary Pierce	450.68	215.45	78.64		1.02	7,025	109
Whitworth	Brookhaven	Margaret G. Pease	906.29	248.10	39.78		37.83	9,299	106

# HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY STATISTICS—SCHOLASTIC YEAR 1943-1944

SCHOOL	LIBRARIAN	SPENT				Volumes Owned	Enrollment
		Books	Periodicals	Binding	Supplies		
Aberdeen	Mrs. Wayne C. Leech	\$315.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 10.00	4,445	253
Amory	Elliott Thompson	240.00	60.00	---	50.00	2,878	114
Bay St. Louis	Edith Russum	---	30.00	---	---	793	162
St. Joseph's Academy	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
St. Stanislaus	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Stanton	Brother Anselm	150.00	48.00	---	24.00	4,529	191
Union	Katherine F. Roberts	335.75	45.00	---	5.00	2,790	335
Wabash	Brother Anselm	335.75	45.00	---	5.00	2,790	335
Brookhaven	Mrs. F. W. Wright	100.00	(850.00 ALL EXPENSES)	---	---	2,652	257
Brooklyn	Willie Dee Robbins	43.01	(830.00 ALL EXPENSES)	---	---	1,986	254
Canton	I'Milla Collins	285.00	75.00	15.00	35.55	2,568	252
Charleston	Mrs. Yvonne Fondren	240.00	50.00	15.00	27.00	2,048	143
Chatawa	Sister Mary Claudia	205.00	42.00	12.00	10.00	6,076	117
Clarksdale	Annie Beas Roberts	143.72	111.65	7.00	9.95	3,927	312
Cleveland	Elizabeth Dakin	350.76	74.00	11.00	---	3,688	240
Columbus	Mrs. Walter F. Taylor	229.48	(836.00 ALL EXPENSES)	---	---	2,516	321
Cornwall	Maile Flynn	67.03	187.03	31.98	21.35	2,516	321
Corinth	Grey Iron	585.12	59.25	110.85	19.15	5,856	409
Croft	Mrs. Rosa Modlin	165.00	40.00	60.00	35.00	2,445	300
Croft	Mrs. Carl Wilson	325.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	---	---	1,044	108
Crystal Springs	Maile Brown	---	---	---	---	3,420	287
Drew	Mrs. Jean Vincent	385.00	95.00	22.00	25.00	1,989	240
Durant	---	---	(NO REPORT)	---	---	---	---
Flora	Hope Moody	387.93	---	---	---	1,893	94
Greenville	Edith Webb	---	432.60	(ALL EXPENSES)	---	4,369	313
Greenwood	Tillie Webb	350.00	500.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	---	3,563	313
Gulfport	Margaret I. Morran	175.00	40.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	15.00	2,873	242
Gulfport	Lillye D. Harding	483.33	500.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	---	5,733	555
Gulfport, G. C. M. A.	Mrs. Sallie H. Draper	432.37	614.37	(ALL EXPENSES)	---	4,074	364
Hattiesburg	Annette B. Wilder	205.00	---	---	---	1,894	146
Hattiesburg	Margaret Cathey	1,000.00	---	(ALL EXPENSES)	---	6,770	476
Hattiesburg	Margaret Miller	155.00	300.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	---	1,858	257
Hernando	Alberta Carruth	---	---	(ALL EXPENSES)	---	1,862	86
Hollandale	Gail D. Chiles	300.00	---	(ALL EXPENSES)	---	1,816	104
Horn Lake	Joseph N. Whitton	200.87	50.43	(ALL EXPENSES)	16.48	1,816	104
Horn Lake	Katherine Coward	300.00	---	---	---	2,020	122
Houston	Ora Felton	135.00	43.42	23.75	---	1,358	152
Indianola	Lucille Stewart	130.00	30.00	---	10.00	1,578	138
Itta Bena	Willie D. Halseil	117.00	25.43	---	15.39	1,805	77
Jackson	Mrs. Alene Briscoe	673.10	313.65	34.65	24.65	7,310	1,233

# HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY STATISTICS—SCHOLASTIC YEAR 1943-1944—Continued

SCHOOL	LIBRARIAN	SPENT				Books	Periodicals	Binding	Supplies	Volumes Owned	Enrollment
Jonestown	Jamie Barham	200.00	60.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	661		73				
Kosciusko	Margaret Green	250.00	7.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	2,124		300				
Laurel	Mabel Racot	259.77	118.09	81.90	4,295		501				
Leland	Elizabeth Reynolds	210.00	45.00	25.00	3,464		103				
Lexington	Janet Whitehead	125.00	40.00	10.00	1,298		109				
Louisville	Madge Spiva	331.00	79.00	40.00	3,191		262				
McComb	Mrs. J. J. Monk	250.00	96.75	55.00	1,400		320				
Magnolia	Mrs. E. S. Trull	200.00	96.75	(ALL EXPENSES)	1,400		120				
Marks	Mallie Newman	350.00	35.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	1,557		146				
Merigold	Mrs. Harvey S. Turner	150.00	35.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	2,170		112				
Moss Point	Mrs. Harvey S. Turner	450.00	35.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	2,208		216				
Natchez	Martha Cooty	500.00	84.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	3,342		360				
New Albany	Mary Joan Finger	336.00	100.00	30.00	2,790		208				
Newton	Mae Rogers	250.00	100.00	60.00	2,999		208				
Okolona	Frances Bailey	230.00	43.00	60.00	2,766		121				
Oxford	Alice R. Collins	906.00	67.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	6,081		200				
Pascagoula	Euless K. Rogers	906.00	67.00	31.00	3,161		1,021				
Pass Christian	Julia Hanson	161.06	39.00	8.65	1,141		98				
Philadelphia	Katie Beeman	225.00	91.06	20.00	1,873		205				
Playazune	Mae Jones	225.00	40.85	(ALL EXPENSES)	2,451		214				
Port Gibson	Herbert W. Kaiser	100.00	40.85	5.00	2,063		47				
Rolling Fork	Mrs. Alice O'Neal	100.00	50.00	5.00	1,593		46				
Rosedale	Alice Kemper	225.00	50.00	45.00	2,156		99				
Ruleville	Mildred Ware	225.00	50.00	5.00	2,156		99				
Sardis	Ocey Leggett	360.00	65.00	15.00	2,195		116				
Senatobia	Josephine Waite	204.87	400.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	1,139		104				
Shaw	Mary E. Williams	400.00	400.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	6,937		80				
Starkville	Auey Mayfield	250.00	25.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	3,792		206				
Summit	Elizabeth Walters	150.00	25.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	1,010		68				
Sumner	Mary L. Matthews	100.00	25.00	(ALL EXPENSES)	840		74				
Tchula	Bertha Lee Allen	92.08	25.50	(ALL EXPENSES)	1,359		58				
Tunica	Mary Frances Reid	300.00	45.95	(ALL EXPENSES)	1,607		110				
Tupelo	Mamie L. Berry	337.20	75.95	(ALL EXPENSES)	4,040		325				
Tyertown	Thelma Adams	337.20	75.95	(ALL EXPENSES)	1,210		196				
Vicksburg	Thelma Adams	150.00	25.00	3.63	66.85		640				
Water Valley	Lucile Miller	250.00	25.00	25.00	7,010		144				
West Point	Lucile Miller	250.00	50.00	15.00	1,519		144				
Winona	Irma McIntosh	250.00	50.00	15.00	2,750		208				
Yazoo City	Irma McIntosh	200.00	75.00	75.00	2,171		152				
					3,142		237				